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This issue of *Tax Update* deals with new services and current tax issues. If you have questions about the material here, or if you need more information, contact any Idaho State Tax Commission office listed on the back of this newsletter.

Tax Commission Offers Statewide *Right Track* Workshops

Need help understanding sales tax? Want to know how to keep accurate withholding and sales tax records with minimum effort? Need help completing the forms?

The Tax Commission is offering workshops on sales tax and income tax withholding from employees to get your business started on the

right track. The one-hour class begins at 9:00 a.m. Classroom space is limited, so please call the location where you want to attend to reserve a space (phone numbers for each office are listed on the back of this publication). If the 9:00 a.m. class is full, another class will be scheduled for the same day.

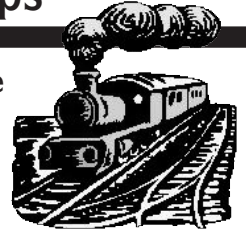
- **Coeur d'Alene & Pocatello:**

second
Thursday of
each month.

- **Idaho Falls, Lewiston & Twin Falls:**

second Tuesday of each month.

- **Boise:** second Tuesday and second
Thursday of each month.



Small Business Solutions Web Site Debuts



A new Web site will help you find your way through the requirements of government agencies that regulate businesses in the state of Idaho. The site provides

online assistance to new and existing Idaho businesses.

A Business Assistance button leads businesses to organizations that provide help with business needs. A "Business Wizard" develops a customized checklist of important local, state, and federal agencies regulating your business type, and forms that must be filled out.

This site is a major effort of the RIB Committee, an informal committee of government employees from various agencies working to improve services and education for Idaho business owners.

Visit www.idahobizhelp.org/ to check out this site.

Business
Wizard

Tax Commission Expands Credit Card Service to Callers

Our six
statewide
offices are now



equipped to take credit card payments over the telephone. Call our toll-free number or the office in your area to make payments on account or pay your estimated income tax using VISA or MasterCard. Phone numbers are listed on the back of this newsletter.

The Tax Commission began accepting Visa and MasterCard payments and bank debit card payments from walk-in customers in April 2000.

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No Extension Paperwork Required for Personal Income Tax

If you cannot file your Idaho income tax return by April 16, 2001, you may qualify for an automatic six-month extension without filing a written request. To qualify for the automatic extension, you must have paid most of the taxes you owe for 2000 by April 16. The exact amounts are:

- 80% of the taxes you owe for 2000, or
- 100% of the tax reported on your income tax return for 1999, if one was filed.

If you choose to use your auto-

matic extension of time, remember that interest is due on any amount of tax you owe that remains unpaid after April 16, 2001 at the rate of .67% per month. And you must pay the full amount you owe by Oct. 15, 2001, or penalties will be added.

A worksheet is available to determine if you paid in enough to qualify. Visit our Web site at www2.state.id.us/tax, or call our toll free number (listed on the back of this newsletter) and ask for Form 51.

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The service was so well-received, we expanded the credit card payment option to callers.

If you want to file your sales tax or withholding return by phone, you can use our new Telefile system and pay the tax you owe using your credit card. With this system you enter information from your tax return and credit card. You mail nothing to us. Your return is filed and paid with one phone call. Call toll free **1-888-952-6311** to try Telefile.

Where To Get Information

If you would like to know more about Idaho state taxes, call the Idaho State Tax Commission toll free at 1-800-972-7660 or contact any of the offices listed below:

Boise

800 Park Blvd., Plaza IV
(208) 334-7660

Pocatello

611 Wilson St., Suite 5
(208) 236-6244

Twin Falls

1038 Blue Lakes Blvd. N, Suite C
(208) 736-3040

Coeur d'Alene

1910 Northwest Blvd.,
Suite 100
(208) 769-1500

Lewiston

1118 F Street
(208) 799-3491

Idaho Falls

150 Shoup Ave., Suite 16
(208) 525-7116



HEARING IMPAIRED CALLERS:

Use the Idaho Relay Service (1-800-377-3529)
to reach any Tax Commission office listed above.

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